



STOW

Middlesex County



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NARRATIVE

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The Town of Stow is situated midway between Boston and Worcester and is a small residential community with rural aspects. The town boasts several apple orchards which are a beautiful sight to behold in spring and which attract many people in the early fall for apple picking. In addition, there are two sheep farms, one which conducts an "open barn" in the spring; a very popular event for children to view and pet the new lambs. Stow has one of the finest public golf courses in the country, Stow Acres Country Club, with the addition of a third and fourth golf course now under construction. The town plans to become the golfing center of the northeast. A private airport and Lake Boon, which has become an attractive year-around residential area are sources of pride to the community as well as Plantation Apartments for seniors, Pilot Grove Hill and Stow Farms which is currently under construction in conjunction with the Local Initiative Program of DHCD.

Previous to its incorporation in 1683, Stow was called Pompositticut Plantation. The community is concerned with preserving Stow's historical past, but encouragement for residential growth that is protective to current residents and those who will make Stow their home in the future. There are many fine old homes in Stow which reflect its history.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Hudson on the south, Bolton and Harvard on the west, Boxborough and Acton on the north, and Maynard and Sudbury on the east. Stow is about 25 miles northwest of Boston, 28 miles northeast of Worcester, and 200 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 18.09 sq. miles

Land Area: 17.62 sq. miles

Population: 5,328

Density: 302 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Framingham Station)

Normal temperature in January.....24.7°F

Normal temperature in July.....72.9°F

Normal annual precipitation.....44.9"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Hudson, Maynard

Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (978) 897-4514

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1683

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	3,506		
Democrats	621	17.7	%
Republicans	554	15.8	%
Other parties	0	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	2,331	66.5	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Stow town, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	5,902	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	5,902	100.0
Male.....	2,948	49.9	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	84	1.4
Female.....	2,954	50.1	Mexican.....	20	0.3
Under 5 years.....	510	8.6	Puerto Rican.....	20	0.3
5 to 9 years.....	470	8.0	Cuban.....	2	-
10 to 14 years.....	442	7.5	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	42	0.7
15 to 19 years.....	335	5.7	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	5,818	98.6
20 to 24 years.....	156	2.6	White alone.....	5,589	94.7
25 to 34 years.....	575	9.7	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	1,230	20.8	Total population.....	5,902	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	1,039	17.6	In households.....	5,873	99.5
55 to 59 years.....	393	6.7	Householder.....	2,082	35.3
60 to 64 years.....	267	4.5	Spouse.....	1,513	25.6
65 to 74 years.....	287	4.9	Child.....	1,956	33.1
75 to 84 years.....	150	2.5	Own child under 18 years.....	1,613	27.3
85 years and over.....	48	0.8	Other relatives.....	162	2.7
Median age (years).....	38.8	(X)	Under 18 years.....	51	0.9
18 years and over.....	4,235	71.8	Nonrelatives.....	160	2.7
Male.....	2,031	34.4	Unmarried partner.....	79	1.3
Female.....	2,204	37.3	In group quarters.....	29	0.5
21 years and over.....	4,109	69.6	Institutionalized population.....	26	0.4
62 years and over.....	636	10.8	Noninstitutionalized population.....	3	0.1
65 years and over.....	485	8.2	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	212	3.6	Total households.....	2,082	100.0
Female.....	273	4.6	Family households (families).....	1,678	80.6
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	864	41.5
One race.....	5,807	98.4	Married-couple family.....	1,513	72.7
White.....	5,635	95.5	With own children under 18 years.....	781	37.5
Black or African American.....	21	0.4	Female householder, no husband present.....	124	6.0
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	11	0.2	With own children under 18 years.....	70	3.4
Asian.....	120	2.0	Nonfamily households.....	404	19.4
Asian Indian.....	56	0.9	Householder living alone.....	308	14.8
Chinese.....	28	0.5	Householder 65 years and over.....	111	5.3
Filipino.....	4	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	896	43.0
Japanese.....	5	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	345	16.6
Korean.....	17	0.3	Average household size.....	2.82	(X)
Vietnamese.....	3	0.1	Average family size.....	3.16	(X)
Other Asian ¹	7	0.1	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-	Total housing units.....	2,128	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	2,082	97.8
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	46	2.2
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	20	0.9
Some other race.....	20	0.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.3	(X)
Two or more races.....	95	1.6	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	0.7	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	2,082	100.0
White.....	5,726	97.0	Owner-occupied housing units.....	1,813	87.1
Black or African American.....	38	0.6	Renter-occupied housing units.....	269	12.9
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	34	0.6	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.95	(X)
Asian.....	161	2.7	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	1.94	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	1	-			
Some other race.....	38	0.6			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 0

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 6

Federal (Section 8): 0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Stow is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

Major Highways

Principal highways are State Routes 62 and 117, which forms an interchange with Interstate Route 495, the outer belt around Boston, in neighboring Bolton.

Rail

Stow has no passenger or freight rail service, but the network of intermodal facilities serving eastern Massachusetts is easily accessible.

Bus

Stow is not affiliated with a regional transit authority.

Other

Minute Man Airport, a Reliever (RL) facility, is located 2 mi. N of Stow. It has a 1,600'x 50' gravel runway and a 2,743'x 50' asphalt runway. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

Historical Society Museum
Randall Library
19 Crescent Street
(978) 897-8572
Stow West School Museum
Harvard Road
(978) 897-7417

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

Whitney Homestead Rest Home

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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